

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Belousov and his supervisor for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, on November 16, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney traversed the Office's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Nevertheless, for sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's attorney proposed amending representative independent claim 1 in the manner shown above. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiners to state that if Applicant were to make such amendments to the independent claims, the Office would at least deem the pending claims allowable over the references of record. Applicant's attorney also understood the Examiners to state that the amendments would require an updated search and further consideration and, hence, that Examiner Belousov would not enter the amendments in an Amendment After Final.

Applicant thanks the Examiners for the indication that Applicant's proposed amendments would at least result in the claims standing allowable over the references of record, as well as for their courtesy shown in interviewing this matter. Applicant herein amends each of the independent claims as discussed during the interview.